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SUBJECT: EPMG ANNOUNCES GASOLINE RATIONING

REF: ADDIS 7423 AND PREVIOUS

1. ACCORDING TO JUNE 24 ETHIOPIAN HERALD, THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND TOURISM ANNOUNCED ON JUNE 23 A WEEKLY GASOLINE RATIONING PROGRAM. PRIVATE CARS WILL BE ENTITLED TO 15 LITERS PER WEEK AND DIPLOMATIC VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOCATED 50 LITERS PER WEEK. PRIVATE MOTORISTS ARE TO PICK UP A YELLOW CARD WHICH THEY WILL HAVE TO PRESENT IN ORDER TO PURCHASE GASOLINE. THE ANNOUNCEMENT URGES PRIVATE CAR OWNERS TO "HANDLE PETROL RATION CARDS WITH CARE AS THE CARDS WILL BE USED UNTIL FUTHER NOTICE".

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2. ACCORDING TO INDUSTRY SOURCES ANOTHER CONVOY OF APPROXIMATELY

40 TANK TRUCKS AND TRAILERS IS LOADING IN ASSAB BUT DATE OF DEPARTURE FOR ADDIS HAS NOT YET BEEN SET. THE DRIVERS OF THE LAST CONVOY (SEE REFTEL) ARE REFUSING TO RETURN TO ASSAB. THE GOVERNMENT HAS CALLED ANOTHER MEETING ABOUT THIS PROBLEM FOR 12 O'CLOCK JUNE 24.

3. COMMENT. FIFTEEN LITERS PER WEEK IS A VERY STRINGENT QUANTITY OF GASOLINE AND CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES THAT THE EPMG IS TAKING THE CURRENT GASOLINE SHORTAGE SERIOUSLY. ACCORDING TO INDUSTRY SOURCES VITAL INDUSTRIES AND ACTIVITIES ARE STILL UNAFFECTED, HOWEVER, AS PRIVATE MOTORISTS ARE TAKING THE BRUNT OF THE SHORT-FALL.  
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